

To the Right Honourable,
The LORDS, Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes,
Of the high COURT of

PARLIAMENT

NOW ASSEMBLED;

The humble *Petition* of divers *People*, on the Behalf of *Themselves*, and the *Widdows*, and other *Kindred*, of thoſe who ſerved in the *ORANGE*, whereof Captain *John Utbar* was Maſter and Commander.

S H E W E T H,

That the ſaid Ship proceeded to the Eaſt-Indies in that Companies Service, and every reſpective Perſon executed their Duty as Required.

May it pleaſe Your Honours.

DURING the Voyage, the ſaid Captain, and Two Mates, with Eight or Nine of the Seamen, died; and in her Paſſage Homeward, by diſtreſs of Weather, at the *Cape of Good-Hope*, was unfortunately caſt away, and ſome of the Seamen drowned: Yet nevertheleſs, by the Industry and Care of the reſt, who remained 15000 Pounds worth of Goods were ſaved out of her; and diſpoſed of as follows, *viz.* 3000 Pounds worth came home in the *Diana*, and publick Sale was made thereof; and 12000 Pounds worth was delivered into the Poſſeſſion of Commiſſioner General *Sr. John Goldſbury* (ſo ſtiled by the Company) and might have arrived ſafe, had not he returned them back to *India*: And beſides the aboveſaid Sum, Eleven Bales of Goods was taken up, and brought home in the *Sampſon*; knowing not what they might amount to.

Now Your Petitioners being all diſtreſſed Poor, and the Owners of the *Orange*, (*whoſe Names are mentioned in the Margin*) Perſons of great Eſtates, and too powerful for Your poor Supplicants to grapple with; will Defraud them of their Right, unleſs Your Honours will aſſiſt them: Forasmuch as the Owners have frequently promiſed, to pay what Wages was due, from time to time, during the Sessions of the laſt Parliament; but when the ſame was prorogued they defy them, notwithstanding the ſaid *East-India* Company have long ſince ordered 750 Pounds in part for their Wages, in lieu of their Care in taking up the ſaid Goods, and future Encouragement to others of the like Nature: Yet nevertheleſs, the Owners neglect taking it, by which means Your miſerable Petitioners are not Recompenſed.

In Conſideration whereof, they humbly pray, in regard ſeveral have periſhed for want thereof; and others being like to follow the ſame Example, and earneſtly requeſt this Honourable Houſe, out of tender Regard and Compaſſion, to Summons the ſaid Owners, to ſhew Cauſe, why the ſaid 750 Pounds may not be diſtributed according to the Intent given; and likewise, why not the Reſidue, payable by them according to Equity and Juſtice, there being abundant more ſaved than what will content their Wages.

And (as in Duty Bound) ſhall ever Pray, &c.

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Sr. Stephen B.
Sr. Benj. B.
Sr. Hump. E.
Mr. Fr. Goſs
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